REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a new oath or declaration because non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations were made to the oath or declaration. Applicants advise that a new oath or declaration will be forthcoming to the Patent Office in the near future.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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